

president of the school board to have behind his chair a picture of our martyred president, McKinley, and a large American flag cleverly draped, but does that make his actions justifiable? Isn't that just merely a cloak to cover up his denial of justice for the teachers he had so unjustly dismissed?

I was graduated from high school and my sympathy is with the teachers, for they are the ones who are doing the most for the schools. Without them the public school could not exist.

The teachers that remarked: "These flag decorations are a farce," were perfectly justified in saying this. For as long as Loeb is at the head of the school board the flag decorations will always be a farce, for he denied the teachers that he had dismissed the justice that should be given them under our flag.

The teachers want a square deal and they ought to be given a square deal. They have the right to organize. As long as the schools are not managed rightly and the teachers treated unjustly our flag cannot stand for justice for all.—Fred Louis.

PATRIOTS WHO DON'T PAY.—

The trust press called the employers better patriots than the workers who went to the border to protect our nation. To make the preparedness parade a success, Big Business came out with a promise to pay all workers full wages while Uncle Sam needed them.

Now that it looks like there won't be any war with Mexico, Wilson wants the national guard to protect the border from Mexican bandits. This is not what Big Business wants; it wants Mexico, not our border protected.

So all the men who were to get their wages while Uncle Sam needed them are notified by their bosses that if they can't get back soon their wages stop. The bosses must have been double-crossed on the Mexican

war by Hearst. The bosses want you for your labor, not to uphold the nation's honor at their expense. — Abe Holzman.

PRIVATE INTERESTS TO COP PUBLIC PROFITS.—

If the recent opinion of the corporation counsel—that the city has no legal right to provide amusement for its citizens by charging a fee—is the correct interpretation of the state constitution, it behooves those trying to improve social conditions to get busy on this antiquated document.

Clarendon beach is operated by the city, I am informed, and a fee charged for its use. Is bathing any less an amusement than dancing on the municipal pier? The city has been furnishing water to its citizens for years and making a charge for the service. Is there any difference in the effect of operating a public necessity and a luxury — if amusement may be called this.

The principle involved in this decision seems to me to be this: No community may do for itself that which individuals may do—at a profit. This opinion upholds the belief of those you have elected to office. They are opposed to any social reform that would endanger the right of the few to levy tribute on the activities of the many. Rent, interest and profit are sacred institutions to them, and they can be expected to oppose anything that might wreck them.—Frank Guynn.

ANSWER TO M'CARRY.—I wish to take exception to your article in which you state that articles appearing in The Public Forum should not be condemned or criticized.

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